

(Draft - Awaiting Formal Approval)
**MINUTES OF THE
LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**
October 20, 2009 – 3:00 p.m. – 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

President Michael G. Waddoups, Chair
Speaker David Clark, Vice-Chair
Sen. Patricia W. Jones
Sen. Sheldon Killpack
Sen. Karen Mayne
Sen. Wayne Niederhauser
Sen. Luz Robles
Sen. Ross I. Romero
Rep. Kevin Garn

Rep. James Gowans
Rep. David Litvack
Rep. Rebecca Lockhart
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
Rep. Jennifer M. Seelig

Staff Present:

Mr. Michael E. Christensen, Director
Mr. John L. Fellows, General Counsel
Ms. Beverlee LeCheminant, Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

President Waddoups called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

MOTION: Speaker Clark moved to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2009 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Letter from Native American Legislative Liaison Committee

Mr. Christensen reviewed a letter from the Native American Legislative Liaison Committee requesting permission to receive per diem and expenses for attending the annual Governor's Native American Summit at Thanksgiving Point and an off-site meeting in conjunction with the Summit which was held on September 2-3, 2009.

MOTION: Sen. Romero moved to approve the request by the Native American Legislative Liaison Committee. The motion passed unanimously

3. Understanding and Managing Possible Flu Epidemic

Dr. David N. Sundwall, Executive Director, Department of Health, distributed and discussed a report concerning the status of the H1N1 virus in Utah, what steps can be taken to minimize its spread, and how agencies can best manage if a serious outbreak occurs.

Mr. Michael Christensen, Director, distributed and discussed a report covering: 1) how the Legislature can best minimize the impact of a flu epidemic on its operations; 2) existing state law that empowers the state to respond to various emergencies, including an epidemic; and 3) various steps the Legislature could take if an epidemic hit just before or during a general session.

Speaker Clark indicated that he is a little apprehensive about going to an electronic legislative session, but it's nice to know that if worse comes to worse, there is a fail safe. If 24 legislators do not show up on the hill for a particular week during the legislative session, the process could probably go on, but if 25 percent of legislative staff, or the drafting attorneys, do not show up, that could be far more limiting. Speaker Clark said one of the things that should be discussed if a serious outbreak of the H1N1 virus occurs during the 2010 legislative session is a self-imposed trigger from the Legislature in the event we hit a threshold where members of staff are unable to continue to work for a period of time during the session. He requested staff to come back with some thresholds to help the Legislature formulate what those areas might be such as: 1) things that could probably be done to try and constrain what the Legislature is doing; 2) if the outbreak gets more serious; and 3) the possibility of an electronic session.

4 . Use of Legislative Committee Rooms

Mr. Bryant Howe, Assistant Director, distributed and discussed the Legislative Management Committee Policy Governing Use of Committee Rooms. He highlighted the new guidelines for the use of legislative committee rooms at the capitol complex.

MOTION: Sen. Niederhauser moved to approve the new rules governing the use of legislative committee rooms at the capitol complex. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Mayne and Rep. Clark were absent for the vote.

5. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

6. Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Litvack moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

President Waddoups adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

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